

Office of the Attorney General State of Texas

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OR91-188

Dear Ms. Courter:

You ask whether certain information regarding alias drivers licenses is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 12032.

We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(8), and have reviewed the documents at issue. You advise that alias driver licenses are issued to peace officers working in undercover capacities, and that release of the requested information would jeopardize criminal investigations and persons involved in such investigations. However, the information being requested relates solely to alias driver licenses issued to the requestor, who is no longer a peace officer. Therefore, you have not explained, and it is not apparent, how the release of the requested information will unduly interfere with law enforcement. See generally Ex parte Pruitt, 551 S.W.2d 706 (Tex. 1977). Accordingly, you must release the requested information.

Because case law resolves your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-188.

Yours very truly,

John Steiner

Assistant Attorney General

Opinion Committee

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